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### **The Lights are Bright on Broadway**

Night on Broadway is being held this Saturday, January 28th from 4:00 to 11:00 pm in celebration of the ninth anniversary of CD 14 Councilmember Jose Huizar's "Bringing Back Broadway" initiative: a 10-year plan that has spearheaded revitalization along the historic Broadway corridor in Downtown Los Angeles.

A mile-long stretch of Broadway between 3rd St. and Olympic Blvd. will be closed to traffic and transformed for the event, providing entertainment on 10 stages, including six historic theatres, featuring hundreds of acts, artists and experiences. #NightonBroadway is free, for all ages, and will take place rain or shine.

The lineup of performers, artists and activities can be found at [www.NightonBroadway.la](http://www.NightonBroadway.la) and you can create your own, custom Night on Broadway lineup there, too!

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### **The Big Jump Project Awards Grant**

Los Angeles is among 10 winning cities selected for the Big Jump Project, a new initiative from the national bike advocacy group [PeopleForBikes](http://PeopleForBikes). By quickly building and connecting bike networks, the program aims to double or triple bike ridership in specific neighborhoods over the course of just three years.

As part of the Big Jump Project, Los Angeles will focus on improving bike infrastructure in downtown LA and University Park, the city's business core. As a participant in the program, Los Angeles will annually receive the equivalent of \$200,000 in technical support from PeopleForBikes, as well as an additional \$50,000 in matching funds or financial commitments from local organizations.

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### **Free Electric DASH Buses Rides**

LADOT launched the city's first pure electric bus recently. This is another example of LADOT Transit's long-standing commitment to environmental sustainability. The electric bus joined the

DASH A route and to celebrate, [offers free rides](#) now through Jan 27th.

See this newest edition to the DASH fleet [here](#).

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### ATSAC Hosts University Researchers

LADOT's Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control (ATSAC) Center staff invited University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign Professor Richard Sowers and Dr. Daniel Work, to see firsthand the city's traffic management operations. These researchers have been studying multiple modes of travel in cities like New York and Chicago, collecting and interpreting big-data about mobility. LADOT's report: "[Urban Mobility in a Digital Age](#)" was the impetus for their visit to Los Angeles.

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### LADOT Employee T-Committee Recognition

Members of the Transportation Committee, along with General Manager Seleta Reynolds, recognized LADOT's finest from Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control and Mobility Management for their outstanding performance and contributions to the City of Los Angeles and LADOT's vision and mission.

Crossing Guard **Cynthia Guy** joined LADOT in September 2007, and is currently assigned to the department's Western Service Area. While performing her daily duties she became aware of a woman who appeared to be in her 60's loitering in the area. Ms. Guy assumed the woman was homeless, and would periodically bring her food or give her money for something to eat. On December 5th, Ms. Guy recalled a missing person's bulletin she had recently seen and thought the person depicted looked like the woman she had provided with assistance. She contacted LAPD and Wilshire Division detectives met with the woman and confirmed that she was in fact the missing person. This woman was reunited with her family just in time for the Holiday Season. Ms. Cynthia Guy represents the very best of our Crossing Guards team.

The Special Traffic Operations & Emergency Response Division (STO) is a vital part of the Department and a key component to safe mobility in the city. Transportation Engineer, **Edward Yu**; Transportation Engineering Associate II, **Armen Kamyshyan**; Transportation Engineering Aide I, **Richard Greene**; and Civil Engineering Drafting Technician, **Ronald Frias**, are being recognized for their outstanding performance and dedication to our residents. This group is responsible for the planning and execution of Traffic Management plans for over 400 Special Events annually, in addition to First Amendment activities, support for LAPD, and emergency

responses during natural disasters. Recently, STO helped manage traffic for the Laurel Canyon mudslide and kept over a half a million marchers safe at the Women's March LA. These individuals often work long hours and in adverse conditions, but still manage to "Make things happen right"

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### **Video: LADOT Video: Laurel Canyon Emergency Response**

Watch the City of Los Angeles in action on Laurel Canyon Boulevard responding to a mudslide during the past week's inclement weather. LADOT's field crews, Traffic Officers and Special Traffic Operations engineers joined with other city departments to help keep streets open and people moving safely.

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